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**NOTIFICATION**

WHEREAS, the term forest guard finds mention in all the relevant Acts, National Forest Commission Report, judgments of various courts including Hon'ble Supreme Court and High Courts as well.

AND WHEREAS, the term forest guard and its powers are well defined in the Indian Forest Act, 1927, Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, Sikkim Forest, Water Courses and Road Reserve Protection (Preservation) Act, 1988, Sikkim Forest Sub-ordinate Service Rules and in all of the state the term Forest Guard is in application.

AND WHEREAS, The basic function of the forest guard who is also called van rakshak is forest and wildlife protection, create awareness and motivation to the people for protection of forest and wildlife besides doing duty during election for maintaining law and order.

NOW THEREFORE, for the convenience of the people, for better understanding and communication with them and to minimize the gap between them, the forest guard and the head forest guard will be locally called van sevak and van mitra respectively.

**By order and in the name of the Governor.**

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